

Kids get involved with promoting safety



Dulissia Contreras, daughter of UMCD Facility Operator Lorenzo Contreras, was named the grand prize winner in the site's second annual Safety/Environmental Calendar coloring contest for her entry.

Safety is an important quality to have in everyday life, whether it is on the job, at home or recreating. Most parents try to teach their children the value of safety from the time they can crawl until they move out of the house. Team Umatilla parents are no exception.

The Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility's (UMCDF's) Employee-Led Teams (ELTs) recently completed their second annual Safety/Environmental Calendar coloring contest for dependents of the site's employees. The contest involved children between the ages of birth to 15 years old, and consisted of them drawing a picture that included a safety or environmental slogan or theme.

This year's winner was Dulissia Contreras, daughter of UMCD Facility Operator Lorenzo Contreras, for her entry "Be smart before you start. Lockout-Tagout." She was the winner of the 9-10 year old division and was selected as the grand prize winner by SMART, the site's employee-led safety team.

In all, 37 entries were collected, 12 of which were determined by judging from all three ELTs - environmental, toxic area and safety - as being worthy of inclusion in the calendar. Two winners were selected in each of six age categories, with those kids also receiving a gift card in recognition of their effort and talent.

UMCDF Highlights

- It has been 796 days, or more than 3 million work hours, since a lost-time accident occurred at the UMCD (July 7, 2006).

Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility Processing (Sept. 4 - 10, 2008)

Total number of VX-filled 8-inch projectiles destroyed this period	
Total VX projectiles destroyed to date	36,065
Percentage of VX projectiles destroyed to date	100
Pounds of VX agent destroyed this period	0
Pounds of total VX agent destroyed to date	610,193
Total munitions destroyed to date since start of operations (Sept. 7, 2004) including non-stockpile GB and VX ton containers	206,284
Nominal tons of chemical agent destroyed to date	1,316.51
Percentage of total agent tons destroyed	35.41

UMCD/UMCDF Milestones

- Aug. 6, 2008:** Completed VX 8-inch projectile campaign.
- July 16, 2008:** Processed first VX 8-inch projectile in the Metal Parts Furnace (MPF).
- July 15, 2008:** First VX 8-inch projectiles transported from depot storage to disposal plant.
- June 27, 2008:** Completed VX 155mm projectile campaign.
- March 21, 2008:** Destroyed first VX 155mm projectile in the MPF.
- March 20, 2008:** First VX 155mm projectiles transported from depot storage to disposal plant.
- Jan. 23, 2008:** Completed VX rocket campaign.
- Dec. 24, 2007:** Completed VX spray tank campaign.
- Nov. 26, 2007:** Processed the non-stockpile VX ton container.
- Nov. 23, 2007:** Destroyed the first VX spray tanks in the MPF.
- Nov. 19, 2007:** First VX spray tank transported from depot storage to disposal plant.
- Nov. 9, 2007:** First VX chemical agent destroyed in the Liquid Incinerator (LIC).
- Oct. 29, 2007:** Processed the first VX M55 rockets in the Deactivation Furnace System (DFS).
- Oct. 26, 2007:** First VX M55 rockets transported from depot storage to disposal plant.
- July 8, 2007:** Completed GB munitions campaign.

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